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Docket No. 211606US3DIV
 IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hironori FUJIOKA, et al.
 SERIAL NO: 09/912,498
 FILED: July 26, 2001
 FOR: METHOD OF PRODUCING REDUCED IRON AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES THEREFOR



"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-
 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
 GROUP 1700"

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment After Final in the above-identified application.

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 14, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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